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SUBJ: MYSTERY MEAT SALE APPEARS DEFINITE

REF: MVD 1445

1. REFTEL REPORTED THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON MAY 24 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL MEAT BOARD (INAC) THAT THE EXPORT OF 60,000 METRIC TONS OF MEAT FOR A TOTAL OF OVER \$80 MILLION HAD BEEN ARRANGED; THE BUYERS, HOWEVER, WERE NOT IDENTIFIED AND THIS MYSTERIOUS MANNER OF ANNOUNCING AN IMPORTANT EXPORT SALE LED TO PUBLIC SKEPTICISM AND MANY RUMORS.

2. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THIS SALE HAS BEEN OPENED AT THE BANK OF AMERICA IN CALIFORNIA AND IS ENROUTE TO THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK HERE. RUMORS PERSIST THAT THE BUYER IS SOMEONE IN NEW YORK. POSSIBLE DESTINATIONS NOW RUMORED FOR THE MEAT INCLUDE THE PHILIPPINES AND COMMUNIST CHINA.

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3. WHILE THE PURCHASER AND DESTINATION OF THIS

MEAT REMAIN A MYSTERY, OUR RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT
THE EXISTENCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT REINFORCES OUR
INCLINATION TO TAKE SERIOUSLY THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY
THE INAC PRESIDENT. THE ADDITIONAL SALE OF 27,000 TONS
OF MEAT TO BRAZIL HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED BUT WE
REMAIN CONVINCED THAT TOO IS AUTHENTIC.
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